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COMMERCIAL CLUB MAY PETITION STATE

To Vote on Resolution for
Increased School District
Valuation.

\$7,500,000 IS SET

Larger Teachers' Salaries If
Granted by Board of
Equalization.

A set of resolutions drawn up by the educational committee of the Commercial Club asking the State Board of Equalization fix the assessed valuation of the Columbia School District at such a figure that the teachers' salaries can be raised, was rejected by the director of the club today on the ground that the plan was impracticable. The directors held that the plan of the educational committee called for increased taxation generally as well as for school purposes and as a result it would work a hardship on the taxpayers of the district.

The directors will return the resolutions to the educational committee with the request that another plan be submitted.

The resolution of the committee follows:

"Whereas the income of the Columbia School District, based upon the present assessed valuation, which is approximately \$5,000,000 in said district with a constitutional tax limit of \$1, is inadequate for the support of our public schools,

"And whereas said limited income will only permit the payment of an average salary to teachers of approximately \$600 per annum, which is not commensurate with the salaries received by unskilled laborers such as janitors, clerks, etc.,

"And whereas our better teachers who can command larger salaries in other cities and in business houses are leaving us solely because of insufficient compensation, thereby seriously crippling our teaching force and lowering our efficiency rating,

"And whereas this condition of affairs most seriously impairs our school work in Columbia, thereby depriving the children of this city of that full measure of educational training so necessary for their intellectual and moral development,

"Be it resolved by the board of directors of the Columbia Commercial Club, that the State Board of Equalization be and it is hereby earnestly requested to fix the assessed valuation of the Columbia School District for 1919 at not less than seven and a half million dollars to the end that we may thereby realize through local taxation sufficient income for the proper support of the Columbia School District for the ensuing year."

FIRST FIRE IN 27 DAYS

Call to Home of James Jackson Is First Since February 27.

The fire department was called out about 10:15 o'clock last night for the first time in twenty-seven days. The call was to the home of James Jackson, a negro who lives at 113 Worley street. The fire was a roof fire caused by sparks from the due and was put out by chemicals. About \$15 damage was done.

The last fire before this one was at the home of J. W. March, 1294 Wilkes boulevard, February 27. Since then there has been only one run, made a few days ago to Sexton road, where the cause of the call was found to be burning rubbish.

ICE CREAM PRICES GO UP

Federal Tax On Luxuries Will Go Into Effect April 1.

The prices on ice cream, sodas and other luxuries will be raised on April 1, according to caterers. This is due to the federal tax of 1 cent on every 10 cents or part thereof on such luxuries. According to one merchant, the new prices will include the tax and additional amount to cover the increased cost of products, which have not been raised heretofore.

Graduate of '13 Teaches A. E. F. Men. Lieutenant Joseph H. Pound, who was graduated from the University in 1913, has been recently transferred from an American division of engineers in France to the teaching staff of the A. E. F. University at Beaune. At the time of his enlistment he was a member of the faculty of Rice Institute at Houston, Tex.

Sergt. Arnett Visiting in Columbia. Sergeant Eddie J. Arnett arrived in Columbia Tuesday to visit his brother, D. F. Arnett, 606 South Fifth street. He has just returned from eleven months service in France. Previous to entrance of the United States in the war he served on the Mexican border. Mr. Arnett expects to leave for his home in St. Louis Saturday.

Mountain Named for Roosevelt. DEADWOOD, S. D., March 27.—As a climax to the Lawrence County Home-Coming Week, to be held the end of June, the citizens of this town are planning to have a special celebration on July 4 in connection with the christening of a mountain two miles west of here which is to bear the name Mount Theodore Roosevelt.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight and Friday. Lowest temperature tonight few degrees above freezing.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Friday. Warmer Friday, and west and central portions tonight.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 26 hours will be south and west 30; north and east 32.

Weather Conditions.

The storm area has gone eastward and at 7 a. m. this morning was central in Pennsylvania. Snow has been general in the lower Lake region and St. Lawrence Valley, while rain covers all of the country from the Ohio Valley south to the Gulf of Mexico.

A high pressure wave dominates the Plains and Central Valleys and fine weather, although a little chilly, prevails generally. In the Rocky Mountains, Pacific coast, and British Northwest the weather is on a change from fair and cool to rain and warmer.

In Columbia the remainder of the week will be generally fair and mild.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 54; and the lowest last night was 39. Precipitation 0.00. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 72 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 75 and the lowest was 45. Precipitation 0.00.

Sun rose today 6:41 a. m. Sun sets 6:28 p. m. Moon rises 3:39 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	30	12 noon	45
8 a. m.	32	1 p. m.	46
9 a. m.	35	2 p. m.	47
10 a. m.	39	3 p. m.	48
11 a. m.	42	4 p. m.	48

BOUTWELL PRESIDENT

Retail Merchants' Association Elects Officers—Plans for Year.

O. W. Boutwell was elected president of the Retail Merchants' Association at a meeting last night in the Commercial Club rooms. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, J. R. Richards; secretary, H. S. Jacks; treasurer, D. A. Rohnett. At the next meeting, which will be held the first part of April, a board of directors will be elected.

Plans for increasing the membership of the association were discussed last night. War conditions have hindered the work of the organization recently but now it is hoped that interest may be revived.

WOUNDED SOLDIER VISITS HERE

J. F. Minnis of Bogare, Mo., Is Guest of His Brother.

J. F. Minnis, a former student in the College of Agriculture and a corporal in Battery B, Three Hundred Forty Second Field Artillery, Eighty-Ninth Division, arrived in Columbia last night to visit his brother, Glenn S. Minnis, 610 College avenue, a student in the School of Law.

Minnis was in France for six months. Most of the time he was stationed in the St. Mihiel sector. He was wounded in the left arm by a high explosive at Thiaucourt, France, November 4, and was invalided home, arriving in the United States January 5. He was discharged from service at Camp Grant Ill., March 5. His home is at Bogare, Mo.

Minnis went from Camp Funston to France. He was aboard the British transport, "Justicia," when one of the destroyers in the convoy sunk a submarine off the Irish coast.

RUSSELL MOORE IN NEW YORK

Aviation Officer Lands in U. S. After 19 Months Overseas.

Lieutenant Russell Moore of the aviation corps, son of Mrs. E. D. Moore of Columbia, who has been in overseas service for the last 19 months, has arrived in New York and is expected home soon. Lieutenant Moore has been in active service at the front since August 12.

Lieutenant Moore was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Thiaucourt, France, October 9 for having accomplished a successful photographic mission behind the German lines while under fire from eight German planes.

WOMEN FORM NEW LEAGUE

Members Will Be Only From Equal Suffrage States.

By United Press. ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The League of Women Voters sprang from National American Woman Suffrage Association.

The Jubilee Convention in session here decided shortly before noon to give this birth. It will be ultimately absorbed by the offspring.

In interim the organization will be exclusive to women from voting states. There is a provision which allows entrance of other states as quickly as they receive the ballot.

ONLY 125 U. S. SHIPS LOST

America Suffered Little in Comparison to Other Allies and Neutrals.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, March 27.—American shipping suffered little from the hands of submarine warfare. It was announced today. Allied and neutral ship losses were greater than American. America lost 125 ships against 3,147 of the British. In tonnage the United States lost 385,967 tons against Great Britain's 7,818,870. Naval Department figures show. Neutrals suffered more in this respect also. Greece lost 162 tons and Norway 787 tons.

350 MEN HAVE FILED DISCHARGE PAPERS

Insures Duplicate Copy If
Original Should Be Lost
in Mail.

SOME PECULIARITIES

Few So Far Show Battles
and Record of Overseas
Service.

About three hundred and fifty discharged certificates have been filed in the county recorder's office. Most of these belong to soldiers, but there is a sprinkling of sailors and marines.

Filing began about a month ago, when it was announced from Washington that discharged men could receive a \$60 bonus by sending in their discharge papers, which would be returned. To insure against loss in the mails, the men had their discharges recorded before sending them to Washington. In case the original is lost or destroyed, a duplicate can be secured from the records at the recorder's office.

Authorities at Washington learned that many would rather give up the \$60 than run the risk of losing the original discharge certificate in the mail. Provision has been made that a copy certified by a recruiting officer will serve the purpose. There is no recruiting office in Columbia, however, so it is more convenient for Boone County men to have their discharges recorded and to send in the original document.

Most Are Home Service. Only a few of the discharges filed show records of "battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions." This is explained by the fact that most of the men who have served overseas have not yet been discharged. The discharged men are from camps all over the United States, including the S. A. T. C. unit at Columbia.

Honorable discharges acknowledging "service honest and faithful," predominate, but there are several ordinary discharges. In these cases physical disability is responsible and the men are not recommended for reenlistment.

Some sailors have been discharged and others only released from active duty. The released sailor is a member of the United States Naval Reserve and is subject to call in an emergency or at any other time the service needs him.

One day's service during the war and one day's service after the signing of the armistice is the war record of several Boone County men. They were inducted November 11 of last year and discharged the following day. For their time in the army they received \$2 each.

Twists of Language.

A few peculiarities are to be noticed in the records. Some soldiers have been discharged without receiving a character rating, which is probably due to oversight by the officer who signed the discharge certificate.

One commanding officer, instead of remarking simply "No A. W. O. L.," writes "No A. W. O. L. on record," thus unconsciously conceding that a private might be absent without leave and not be reported.

The discharge of one soldier contains the following description: "He had blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and was 'fair' feet ten inches in height."

"Entitled to travel pay to no distance" and "Entitled to travel pay and entitled to purchase a ticket to Columbia, Mo.," are twists of English which are unlikely to be found elsewhere than in the army.

WRITES ON BOLSHIEVISM

"Powerful Because of Ability That Leads It," Says A. W. Taylor.

"Bourbons and Bolshieviki" is the title of an article by Prof. Alva W. Taylor of the Bible College, printed in the Christian Century for March 27. The article points out the fact that "Bolshievism is caused by something." It gives a short history of Lenin and Trotsky and Liebnicht as the "brains of the revolutionary movements in the respective countries."

"Autocracy," says Mr. Taylor, "was powerful because of the ability it could command. So, too, is Bolshievism powerful because of the ability that leads it. It is the ability perhaps in the case of Lenin even the genius, that organizes and leads it, plus the oppression that preceded it, that furnishes the two prime factors in its making. Without leadership it would be easily put out by the organized power of a few bayonets." The article appeals for food for the hungry and justice for the oppressed.

WONT DISCUSS SENATOR REED

Executive Committee of State Democrats Meet Tomorrow.

The executive committee of the State Democratic Committee will meet in Jefferson city tomorrow. Mayor James E. Boggs, a member of the committee, will attend. The purpose of the meeting, according to Mayor Boggs is to discuss the general plans of organization. "It is not probable that Senator Reed will be discussed at the meeting," said the mayor.

TAFT HELPS WILSON TO CHANGE COVENANT

Peace Conference Takes Up
Four Amendments by
Former President.

OPPOSITION WEAKER

President Accepts Suggestions
and Constructive
Criticism.

By CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, March 27.—The question of an amendment covering the Monroe Doctrine to be included in the League of Nations covenant will be decided here tonight by the drafting committee.

This committee is composed of Colonel House, Premier Venizelos of Greece, Professor Ferdinand Larnaude of France and Lord Cecil of Great Britain. It is expected that they will complete their work quickly.

The principal thing now is the couching of the covenant in diplomatic language.

A clause providing for the right to withdraw from the league has been added, President Wilson said in a speech here that the United States would not withdraw without a reason that the world would accept.

By ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Former President Taft is working by cable with President Wilson in an effort to amend the League of Nations covenant so that it will be acceptable to opposing Republicans.

This was officially disclosed today when the White House let it be known that the Peace Conference in Paris is working on four amendments to the covenant prepared by Taft at Wilson's request.

The amendments have to do largely, it is said, with safeguarding the Monroe Doctrine.

A message today to the White House disclosed that the President has all four of the Taft amendments before the League of Nations commission.

Simultaneously with this development, it was stated by those in intimate touch with the President that he at no time had been unwilling to receive constructive criticism. When definite suggestions have been offered, it was said, Wilson has utilized these in attempting to modify the document so as to make it satisfactory.

President Wilson is understood to regard the ten days between March 23 and April 3 as the most crucial in the whole Peace Conference. This may have accounted for the fact that the league suggestions which Taft urged have been hastened. In administration quarters today the view was expressed that the high tide of opposition to the League of Nations has been passed and that both in Congress and throughout the country there is a marked turn in favor of the league.

NEW RUSSIAN STATE

Rumanian Army Retreating—
Bolshieviki Behind
Campaign.

By United Press.

WARSAW, March 27.—Bessarabia has proclaimed its independence, established a soviet republic and begun an offensive against the Rumanian army of occupation, a dispatch from Cholen announced today.

Bessarabia is a former province of Russia bordering Rumania on the northeast. It had been claimed and occupied by Rumania.

The Bessarabian army has captured the important town of Sadagora and is pushing the Rumanians across the Pruth River toward Largu.

The belief was expressed here that the Russian Bolshieviki are engineering the Bessarabian campaign for the purpose of establishing direct communication between Moscow and Budapest.

RUMANIANS MOVING NORTH

Cecil Harnworth Announces That
Army Has Crossed Marose River.

By United Press.

LONDON, March 27.—Cecil Harnworth, under-secretary for foreign affairs, announced to the House of Commons that a Rumanian army has crossed the Marose River and is moving northward.

The Marose River flows westward through Hungary, joining the Tisza 100 miles southeast of Budapest.

35TH DIVISION UNITS RETURNING

60th, 128th, 129th and 130th Field
Artillery Ordered Home.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The War Department today announced the following organizations of the 35th Division have been assigned to early convoy: Sixtieth Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters, 128th 129th and 130th Field Artillery.

THE CALENDAR

March 28—Kansas-Missouri debate in University Auditorium.

Mar. 29—W. A. A. Yaudiville 8 o'clock University Auditorium.

March 30—Concert of Chamber Music in University Auditorium at 4 o'clock.

April 1—School Election.

April 1—Last day for handing in orations for the Stephens Oratorical Contest.

April 2—J. Stitt Wilson will speak to University students on Social Christianity.

April 4—All Student Election.

April 4—5—Vocational Conference for University women.

April 6—Convention of state officers the Y.M.C.A.

April 6—Musical Program by University Symphony Orchestra in University Auditorium at 4 o'clock.

April 9—Home Concert of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs in the University Auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

April 11—"The Victory" Farmer's Fair.

April 11—Spring Festival.

April 12—Seventy-Eighth Anniversary Banquet of Athenaeum Debating Society.

April 19—"Joint Owners in Spain" presented by University women, Auditorium 8 p. m.

April 20—21—Liberty Loan opens.

April 21—Senior Ball at Rothwell Gymnasium.

April 29—Vote on the bond issue for proposed county hospital.

May 5—Journalism Week.

May 12, 13 and 14—Convention of Funeral Directors Association.

May 17—Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra concert.

TO TRY LUDENDORFF

Germans Will Establish
Court to Judge Former
High Officials.

By United Press.

BERLIN, March 27.—The German Assembly is establishing a special court to try General Ludendorff, former Chancellor Van Bethman-Hollweg and other officials alleged responsible for the war.

HUDSON TO PRESIDE AT DEBATE

K. U. Team Will Be Given Dinner
At Harris'.

The Kansas-Missouri debate to be held in the University Auditorium tomorrow night will begin at 8 o'clock, contrary to a statement made on the tickets. The Kansas team, accompanied by Henry A. Shinn, of the department of public speaking of the University of Kansas, will arrive in Columbia on the Wabash at 3:07 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Prof. J. W. Hudson will preside tomorrow night, as chairman of the Committee on Intercollegiate Debating of the University of Missouri.

O. W. Pratt, a Kansas City attorney, is the only judge who had been secured at noon today. If other judges cannot be secured from the two lists submitted by the Kansas debating board, President Hill will be empowered to appoint them.

Arrangements are being made to entertain the Kansas team and coach at 6 o'clock dinner at Harris' Friday evening. The members of the Missouri team, Coach Carl C. Taylor and the presidents and secretaries of the two Missouri debating societies will attend.

W. E. Crowe, of the Missouri debating team, has returned from his home where he had gone to help with the crops, and will debate tomorrow night.

NEW RHEIMS TO COST BILLION

Reorganized City Is Rapidly Rising
From Amid Ruins.

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

RHEIMS, France, March 5 (by mail).—The total cost for the reconstruction of Rheims, according to estimates just completed, is placed at five billion francs, or \$1,000,000,000.

This is the figure of the indemnity which the Germans imposed on France at the end of the Franco-Prussian war and which they then considered sufficiently large to ruin France, commercially and industrially, for years to come.

In spite of this terrific cost, due in part to the increased cost of building materials resulting from the war, Rheims is losing no time rising from its ruins. For the reconstruction of the city twenty complete plans have been submitted by leading architects of Paris, Rheims and other French cities. No one plan will be adopted, but the city will pick out of each the features that seem the most desirable, and arrive at a final plan which will be approved by the city council.

Among the details already decided upon are big, broad streets for the principal arteries; workingmen's quarters, with gardens, and three series of boulevards, like those of Paris and Brussels, forming complete circles, there being one inner circle of boulevards, then a middle circle and finally an outer circle.

It has also been decided that the buildings encircling the cathedral, nearly all of which are now in a complete state of demolition, will be cleared out entirely in order that the cathedral may occupy a vast open square where all of its beauty may be seen from any point.

COMMUNIST REVOLTS SUCCEED IN HUNGARY

Soviet Republic Firmly Es-
tablished Without Friction
With Entente Allies.

AUSTRIA IN DANGER

Bolsheviki Threaten Czecho-
Slovakia—Socialist Party
May Strike.

By EDWARD BINGE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

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BUDAPEST, March 25 (10:10 p. m.).

—The Hungarian soviet republic was firmly established today without disorder or bloodshed and with amicable relations continuing with Allied representatives. All aliens and Allied soldiers are at complete liberty. The popularity of British and American officers has not diminished.

Everything in the country has been socialized from the army down to the baths. This reorganization has been accomplished with apparent approval of the wealthy and aristocratic as well as the poor and humble.

A red army is being organized on a purely voluntary basis, conscription having been abolished as soon as the Communist government took office.

Uprisings Imminent in Austria.

By R. KOMMER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERNE, March 27.—Bolshevist uprisings in Austria and Czecho-Slovakia are imminent, according to advices received here today. Any move in those two countries against the Hungarian soviet government is expected to precipitate trouble.

The British military mission in Vienna, it is reported, has notified the government that the Allies are ready to increase Austria's food supply if order be maintained.

The Austrian population is excited over events in Hungary, especially in view of their own economic situation. All restaurants in Vienna are closed, there is no gas or coal and the meat ration has been reduced to an infinitely small quantity.

Fritz Adler, according to reliable information, is preparing to lead a Bolshevik uprising against the present Austrian government. In Prague radical socialists are demanding immediate general nationalization. The entire Socialist party is threatening a general strike if an effort is made to mobilize against Hungary.

The latest advices received here indicate Hungarian communism is making the Russian soviet republic appear almost conservative.

STUDENT CANDIDATES SPEAK

Four Office-Seekers Tell of Plans for
University at Mass Meeting.

About six hundred students attended the mass meeting last night in the University Auditorium. Speeches were given by the prospective candidates for the position of all-student president.

Joseph Black, the first candidate to speak, told of the proposed memorial to University students who lost their lives in the world war. He believes that all students should get behind this memorial plan, which has already been initiated.

Doyle Cotton, the second speaker, said that the students of the University should be more democratic. He supports the above idea and believes that it will be put into execution when the former students who have been in national service return to school.

B. J. George, the third speaker, told of the old school, and how the present students could hope to revive that old spirit by electing a progressive man to the office of student president.

Joe T. Uptegrove, the last speaker, believes that the University should have a student magazine, that the women should have the right to hold office on the Student Council and that every effort should be made to help the University women get a new Home Economics Building.

Music was furnished by the University orchestra.

PHONE TO ENGLAND SOON?

Experiments by Wireless Show Statics
May Be Eliminated.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, March 25.—"Hello! Hello! Is this New York? Yes? Well, how's every little thing along Broadway?"

"Ah, hello, there, cousin! How's dear Old Lunnon?"

A telephonic conversation between London and New York? Yes, certainly. And at no far distant date, either.

At least, that's what Marconi wireless experts are saying in New York. And they ought to know—for the experts have been making some very exhaustive experiments.

Roy A. Weagant, Marconi's chief engineer, announced shortly after the armistice was signed that his new discovery would quite eliminate the interference of static electricity from radio-graphic currents. At first the scientific world was skeptical. They didn't think it could be done.